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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEPUTY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, R & E

SUBJECT: Production of Situation Reports

- REFERENCES:
- (a) Memo from Chief of Naval Intelligence to Director of Central Intelligence, Serial 00659 P32, dated 13 January 1947. (Secret)
 - (b) Memo from Deputy Director of Central Intelligence to Chief of Naval Intelligence, CIG A 4.03, dated 27 January 1947. (Secret)
 - (c) Memo from Executive Director, CIG, to Assistant Director, R&E, 34228, dated 25 July 1947. (Secret)
 - (d) Memo from Acting Chief, Projects Division, to Chief, Intelligence Staff, CRE, dated 29 July 1947. (Secret)

1. Reference (a) sets forth Navy requirements for CIG Situation Reports. By Reference (b) CIG is committed to meet these requirements subject to changes mutually agreed upon by the Chief of Naval Intelligence and CIG. Reference (c) points out certain discrepancies between CRE production of Situation Reports and Navy requirements and directs remedial action. Reference (d) summarizes CRE capabilities for production of Situation Reports under present conditions.

2. Navy requirements exclude Latin American countries, and European countries other than Soviet satellites and Scandinavia; hence the production schedules for the Latin American and Western European Branches are not affected by any CIG commitments to the Navy.

3. The Navy has assigned to Scandinavian and Asiatic countries a priority sufficiently low that no difficulties are anticipated by CRE in getting these out in good time to meet the Navy schedule.

4. For the production of Situation Reports for the Middle East and the Soviet Satellite States, however, special measures must be taken if CIG commitments are to be met. Specifically, consideration must be given to assigning a priority to the following reports, in the order named: Egypt; Arab States; Rumania; Bulgaria; Czechoslovakia; Hungary; Poland; Yugoslavia; and Finland.

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5. Near East/African Branch capabilities for producing a final draft on the critical reports are estimated by the Branch Chief as follows:

Egypt	1 October 1947
Arab States	1 November 1947

Allowing a minimum of five weeks to (1) clear the Estimates Staff, (2) clear the IAB agencies, and (3) for reproduction and dissemination, the report on Egypt would be in Navy hands on 8 November and the report on the Arab States on 8 December. A less satisfactory report can be gotten out one month earlier than these dates if necessary.

6. Eastern European/USSR Branch capabilities for producing a final draft on the critical reports are estimated by the Branch Chief as follows:

Rumania	1 December 1947
Bulgaria	1 March 1948
Czechoslovakia	1 May 1948
Hungary	1 July 1948
Poland	1 August 1948
Yugoslavia	1 September 1948
Finland	1 October 1948

Adding to this the time necessary to clear draft and publish, the entire EE schedule is six months behind CIG commitments to the Navy. Failing an improvement in the personnel situation, no satisfactory report can be gotten out at an earlier date although "something" can be produced to meet any necessary deadlines.

7. To the above considerations must be added that CIG report cover and map production facilities will be unable to produce the necessary maps to meet any accelerated report production schedule.

8. Recommendations:

- a. That the Navy be informally queried regarding the purpose of the Situation Report series with a view to ascertaining whether or not an advance script of the Egyptian and Arab States reports is desired pending later receipt of the published report.
- b. That delays in meeting Navy commitments be reduced to a minimum by publishing without IAB agencies' comments, should an advance typed script be not acceptable to the Navy.

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- g. That the recently acquired Map Intelligence Division of the State Department be assigned the production of maps for these priority reports, since the Presentation Division unit cannot satisfactorily meet deadlines.
- d. That NE/A Branch be requested to produce a draft report on Egypt by 1 September 1947, and a draft report on the Arab States by 15 October 1947.
- e. That EE/USSR be requested to assign a member or members of this Branch who are the best qualified within it to produce Situation Reports on the Soviet Satellites to the exclusion of any other duties until at least three reports are produced.
- f. That the personnel assigned in accordance with g above be assisted by a competent representative from the Economics Group. (Note: A young economist is expected to report in about 60 days.)

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